

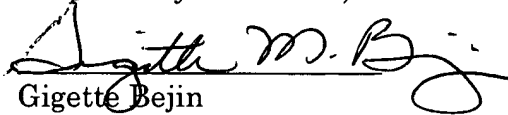
REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious in view of JP-02-274866 in combination with Boppel et. al (US Patents 5,438,179 and 5,459,297). The Examiner has further indicated that claims 6-14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph given that the prior art does not disclose or suggest a process which includes all of the steps as defined in independent claim 6. Applicant has canceled claims 1-5, 13, and 14. Applicant has further amended claims 6-12 and added claim 15.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the one month extension fee in the amount of \$110.00 from Deposit Account No. 06-1510. It is believed that no other fees are due at this time. To the extent additional fees or credits are warranted, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1505.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figure 2 and further include formal drawings incorporating the changes to Figure 2. These sheets replace the original Figures 1 and 2. No changes have been made to Figure 1. In Figure 2, Element 27 has been revised to state "Cleaning the Bumpers" and Element 29 has been revised to state "Polishing the Bumpers."

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes